

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of this amendment, the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the pending application.

Please amend the pending claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A treatment device for correcting impairments to hearing, comprising:
 - an essentially cylindrically shaped housing, free of ~~external moving operational elements externally accessible elements that require movement for operation~~, and formed of metal, the housing having a battery compartment and a sound exit opening;
 - wherein the housing completely surrounds and shields an electronics unit located therein against electromagnetic waves; and
 - wherein the battery compartment includes a ring magnet retaining means for retaining batteries in the battery compartment and a hole providing external access to the battery compartment, the hole exiting into a center recess of the ring magnet retaining means.
2. (Previously presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the battery compartment comprises a watertight seal from the rest of the housing.
3. (Previously presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the sound exit opening is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.
4. (Previously presented) The treatment device according to claim 2, wherein the sound exit opening is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.
5. (Previously presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a first housing component with the battery compartment being fastened together with a second housing component and an O-ring seal (3) being located therebetween.
6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the housing is composed of titanium or a titanium alloy.

Claims 8-11 (Canceled)